

Paul H. Hobson Jr.  
Providence RI 02904

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Honorable Laura Taylor Swain  
United States District Judge  
Daniel P. Moynihan Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007-1312

RE: Sentencing of my son David Hobson

Dear Judge Swain,

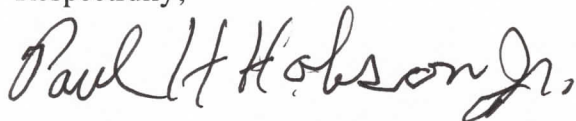
Your Honor, my name is Paul Hobson Jr. and David Hobson is my first born son who you are about to sentence for insider trading.

I am writing this letter to you so I can express some thoughts about my son to you. I consider him to be a very fine person. I am fortunate in that I have two sons. My other son Paul lives in another state. I live alone in Providence where David also lives. David does a lot for me, especially over the last 3 years. In 2015, I broke my hip from a fall and needed emergency surgery and rehab. While I was there, David spent a lot of time fixing up my apartment. He also repaired, cleaned and painted the first floor apartment so I could move from the second floor to the first. He did all the moving for me. He bought many items for me like new bed sheets and towels, and some new furniture and took some of my old stuff to the dump. He even bought some plants and an air cleaner to help with my breathing. Only a few months later I fell again breaking some ribs. Both times I spent 2-3 months in a rehab facility close to where David lives in Providence and he visited me often while I was there and also looked after my home while I was recovering. All that he did was a godsend for me as I could live much easier as I completed my rehab. I am almost 78 years old and dealing with stairs can be a problem as I also have heart issues. I depend on David a lot now as I grow older and cannot do the things as when I was younger.

David was a very nice boy in growing up. He played baseball and hockey in organized leagues. He went to college and graduated with a bachelor degree. He always was polite to all those he knew. He has been that way since and has qualities I am proud of. In short, I do not believe any man would not want a person like my son David to be his son. Please consider the quality of this person when deciding the sentencing. I know David is horrified over this whole issue and wants to resolve it as we all do.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul H. Hobson Jr." in a cursive script.

Paul H. Hobson Jr.